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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GRAVES ET AL.

Examiner

Mike Rahmjoo

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 November 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because on line 5 there is zero input and output buffer and on line 6 there is zero parameter. Examiner fails to see how this script is executable.

Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1, 10, 19, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. There are zero input and output buffers with the first command having zero parameters. Examiner fails to see how this script is executable.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 1- 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by MacInnis et al, US Patent 6,501,480, hereinafter, MacInnis.

As per claims 1, 10, 19, and 28 MacInnis teaches retrieving a first command from a script containing one or more commands written for a first color space, the first command associated with zero or more input buffers and zero or more output buffers, the first command having zero or more parameters in figures 5, 13- 14 and column 6 lines 19- 29; determining a behavior of the first command in the first color space and in a second color space, the behavior comprising one of unique behavior, transparent behavior, and different behavior, wherein the first command has: the unique behavior when the first command only operates in the first color space in column 7 lines 34- 35, the transparent behavior when the first command generates similar results in the first color space and in the second color space (transparent if within a range of possible colors) in column 14

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lines 4- 14, and the different behavior when the first command generates different results in the first color space and in the second color space in column 7 lines 35- 39; and processing an operation associated with the first command using the behavior of the first command, wherein the operation is processed in a preferred format (YUVa) based on current formats of the input buffers (FIFO) in column 7 lines 14- 25 and column 9 lines 5- 23.

As per claims 2, 11, 20, and 29 MacInnis teaches the preferred format is determined to minimize 2 color space conversion of the input buffers in column 41 lines 11- 23 and also in figure 4 and columns 6- 7.

As per claims 3, 12, 21, and 30 MacInnis teaches the preferred format is a format used with the 2 second color space when at least one of the input buffers and output buffers is in 3 the format used with the second color space in column 7 lines 14- 25 and column 9 lines 5- 23.

As per claims 4, 13, 22, and 31 MacInnis teaches processing the first command in the preferred 2 format comprises converting the input buffers to the preferred format in figure 5 and also in column 9.

As per claims 5, 14, 23, and 32 MacInnis teaches when the first command has the unique behavior, the preferred format is a format used with the first color space in column 7 lines 24- 35 and also in figures 10- 11 and columns 24- 25.

As per claims 6, 15, 24, and 33 MacInnis teaches when the first command has the different behavior, the first command is transformed to a second command in the second color space, wherein the second command performs a similar operation in the second color space as the first command in the first color space in columns 7, 14 and also column 9 lines 5- 34 through various converters with different and similar formats.

As per claims 7, 16, 25, and 34 MacInnis teaches if the second command can not perform the similar operation with the zero or more parameters of the first command, the parameters are transformed to comparable parameters for the second command such that the second command performs the similar operation in the second color space as the first command in the first color space in figures 5 and 10 wherein different converters perform different tasks performing in different and similar formats and column 9.

As per claims 8, 17, 26, and 35 MacInnis teaches the comparable parameters are compatible with the

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preferred format in figures 5 and 10 and column 9 lines 35- 48 wherein converter 138 has the same parameters with the same format.

As per claims 9, 18, 27, and 36 MacInnis teaches if the zero or more parameters of the first command cannot be transformed to comparable parameters for the second command, operate the first command with the unique behavior instead of with the different behavior in figures 5 and 10 and columns 23 and 24 through the usage of only one CLUT.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

DeLeeuw et al (US Patent 6,151,030) teaches transparency of graphics with input and output frame buffers and mixed color pixels.

Curry (US Patent 6,239,829) teaches first and second color space transformation with input and output buffers.

Syeda- Mahmood (US Patent 6,469,706) teaches surface color code and optimal color space and comparative descriptors.

Stroyan (US Patent 6,429,877) teaches first and second color primitives and frame buffers and alpha values associated with the pixels.

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Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mike Rahmjoo whose telephone number is (703) 305- 5658. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30- 3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella can be reached on (703) 308- 6829. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872- 9314 for regular communications and (703) 872- 9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305- 4750.

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